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FRENCH TO OFFER NEW PLAN

Graveling Starts This Week on New Blevins Highway

Important New Route Will Tie Together North Portion of County

IS 16 MILES LONG

Route Through Prescott, Adjoining County

Graveling of the new Hope-Blevins highway will begin this week, and will be completed in about 60 days, District Engineer R. B. Stanford announced Tuesday.

The gravel will be laid by state forces, who also cleared right-of-way and constructed the grade during the winter and spring. The road, which had been open to traffic since completion of the grade, will be an all-weather highway before the close of the summer, Mr. Stanford said.

Cuts Distance in Half
It is 16 miles from Hope to Blevins by the new route, which cuts in half the distance formerly traversed by way of Prescott. The new road leaves Hope on the route formerly known as the lower Washington highway, past the cemetery and the Hope Fertilizer company's property, and follows a nearly straight line to Blevins.

The completion of this road is considered one of the most important highway projects undertaken by the state.

Highway Department. It ties together half a dozen north county points with Hope and the central and southern portions of the county. Highway No. 24 was extended last year from Blevins to Nashville, making it a through route, serving Blevins, McCaskill, Tokio, Blingen and other points on or close to the road. Designated as No. 25, a continuation of the Hope-Lewisville highway, the new road effects a junction with No. 24 at Blevins, making the entire north end of the county accessible from any other point without having to go around by way of Prescott, Nevada county, in wet weather.

Bad Curve Cut Out

Mr. Stanford's bridge department has completed grade work on approaches for a new bridge at the Washington-Columbus fork on No. 4, about two miles north of Hope. A narrow bridge, and a right angle turn on the Washington half of the fork, make this one of the most dangerous highway points in the county. State forces have constructed about 100 yards of sweeping curve, to the east of the old turn, and will begin construction of a new wide bridge to replace the present narrow one. The new turn will allow traffic to flow past at average speed, instead of coming to a near-stop as required by the present curve.

'Zepp on Wheels' Beats Fast Plane

Airplane-Motored Rail Coach Runs 160 Miles at 143 M. P. H.

BERLIN—(AP)—Franz Kruckenberg's "Zeppelin on wheels" Monday bettered by four minutes the regular Luftthansa passenger plane time between Hamburg and Spandau, on the outskirts of Berlin.

A commercial airplane, which took off from Hamburg at the same time to follow the progress of the strange new rail speedster, was behind most of the time but overtook the flying "Zeppelin on wheels" when it slowed down at the end of the journey.

Kruckenberg left Hamburg at 3:27 a. m. and negotiated the 160-mile stretch in an hour and 36 minutes. His highest speed was 230 kilometers (about 143 miles) an hour.

The inventor said his car was capable of even greater speed but today's test was to demonstrate what such a propeller-driven coach can do when following a regular time table.

The coach, known as a stream line "Zeppelin on wheels," is driven by a propeller, powered by a 12-cylinder 600-horsepower airplane engine.

Home Is Looted as Family Attend Church

RUSSELLVILLE—The second robbery here, within less than a week occurred Sunday morning at the home of Mrs. J. S. Ross, 1313 Main street, between 10 and 12 while the family was at church. Earlier in the week the home of Wiley Henry, postal clerk, was robbed of three suits of clothing. Mrs. Ross said that the only loss discovered so far was cash taken from a savings bank belonging to her sons, William, aged 13, and Allen, aged 10, and several hundred pennies she had collected.

Widow to Unveil Wilson Memorial



Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and her niece, Mrs. John E. Moelling, are shown here aboard the Leviathan, leaving New York for Poznan, Poland, where Mrs. Wilson will attend the unveiling of a monument to her husband, the late president.

Michigan Officials Are Indicted

Many Charges Are Investigated by Grand Jury Saturday

DETROIT, Mich.—(AP)—The mayor of the suburb of Hamtramck and 14 other persons, including several public officials were named in sixteen indictments returned by the grand jury last Saturday.

Seven of the indictments were against the mayor, Rudolph G. Tenenrover.

Three of the major charges include conspiracy to accept bribes in city dump contracts and public works contracts.

Girl In Swimming Injured Seriously

Caught in Propeller of Motor Boat and Badly Mangled

CLARENDON—Lela Gray, aged 18, former junior high school student, who has been in training lately as a nurse, was badly mangled in the propeller of a motor boat at 7 Monday night in the White river near Clarendon where a party of young people went swimming. Dr. A. J. Dunklin, who is attending her, said that if she recovers she will be badly maimed.

The girl swam up to a motor boat and started to crawl into it. The boy driving the boat started it up before she got aboard and she was caught in the propeller. Her brother dived under the boat and rescued her. She was badly cut on her thighs and side by the sharp blades.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Schofield.

New York Bankers Sentenced to Jail

Misapplication of Bank Funds Is Charged in Indictments Returned

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Bernard K. Marcus, president of the closed Bank of the United States and Saul Singer, executive vice-president were sentenced Tuesday from two to six years in the state prison, following their conviction on charges of misapplying the funds of the bank.

Herbert Singer, son of Saul, was given a sentence also.

They were all convicted by the court last Saturday.

Probe of Nebraska Bank Voted Saturday

LINCOLN, Neb.—(AP)—The state senate passed a resolution Saturday requesting Attorney General C. A. Sereno to investigate state banking.

Hathaway Denies He Killed Nurse

Alleged Young Woman Choked and Dies in His Arms

NEWPORT, R. I.—(AP)—Elliott R. Hathaway, 28, son of a Massachusetts legislator, Monday denied from the witness stand that he strangled pretty Verna Russell, 20, on the night of March 23. He said the nurse died in his arms, during a petting and gin drinking party on a lonely lane in Tiverton.

The girl suddenly choked, there was a "gurgling" sound in her throat; her face turned blue and her body became limp in his arms, Hathaway testified.

The defense claims the girl was killed by a fragment of tooth which was found in her throat at an examination a month after her death. The prosecution charges Hathaway strangled her and expects to send him to prison for life.

Much Interest in '31 Farmers Week

County Agents Expecting Unusual Attendance by 4-H Clubs

FAYETTEVILLE—(AP)—Officials of the University of Arkansas College of Agriculture are planning to care for a record attendance at the thirteenth Annual Farmers' Week to be held here August 4-7.

Reports from county agents indicate unusual interest in Farmers' Week activities by 4-H club boys and girls. One county, Perry, plans to send 200 4-H club boys and girls and the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce has promised trips to 600 4-H club members of Sebastian county.

Ruth Nichols Hurt as Plane Crashes

Physician Reports That Injury Will Heal in Short Time

NEW YORK.—(AP)—X-ray pictures revealed Tuesday that two vertebrae of Ruth Nichols spine were cracked when she crashed Monday at St. John, New Brunswick.

Her doctor reported by telephone that the injury is not serious and would mend easily and quickly.

Robbers Blow Safe at Mena; Get About \$10

MENA—Safe blowers who visited the Goff Wholesale Grocery Company Monday night obtained little, R. Goff, president of the company, reported that only about \$10 was obtained, after yeggs had blown off the door of a strong box.

Post and Gatty Hop To New Foundland On Way to Germany

Leave New York Early Tuesday on First Leg of Flight

CROYDON NEXT STOP
Enterprise Is Sponsored By Oil Magnate in Oklahoma

HARBOR GRACE, New-Foundland.—(AP)—Wiley Post and Harold Gatty, landed here Tuesday, had a hearty lunch and prepared to hop off during the afternoon for Berlin.

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Harold Gatty and Wiley Post took off early Tuesday for Harbor Grace, New-Foundland, in their monoplane Winnie Mae of Oklahoma on their first leg of a round the world flight.

From Harbor Grace the fliers will hop to Croydon, England, two thousand miles across the Atlantic. The enterprise is being sponsored by F. C. Hall, oil magnate of Oklahoma.

Bystander Killed in Strike Outbreak

Egg Thrown by Youth Starts Battle Between Strikers and Miners

ARNOLD CITY, Pa.—(AP)—One man was killed and four injured Tuesday in a battle between deputy sheriffs and striking miners and their sympathizers.

The man killed was a bystander, Philip Popovich.

An egg thrown by a boy struck one of the deputies and the shooting followed.

Radio Poll Offers \$10,000 in Prizes

Montgomery Ward & Co. Announce Contest July 1 to August 7

A nation-wide poll of radio listeners assuming the proportions of a presidential election will be conducted over the air during the month of July. This radio program, destined to solve a problem which has vexed commercial sponsors since the child-hood of radio, will be undertaken by Montgomery Ward & Co. with the co-operation of the National Broadcasting Company.

The four uniquely interesting programs from which the popular choice is to be made represent four distinct types of radio entertainment. They will give the millions of radio fans an opportunity to say which form of entertainment is most acceptable to have served them as a daily feature for the remainder of the year.

The sponsors are offering cash awards totalling \$10,000 for the best letters determining the type of radio program and the preference for listening time. The contest will be supported by an extensive newspaper advertising campaign.

Each program is to be broadcast daily except Sunday for one week beginning July 1. The series will open with an orchestra under the direction of an internationally famous conductor. The program of the second week will be an entertaining, dramatic sketch of home life played by stars of stage and radio fame. The third week will be given over to a presentation of modern minstrelsy. The final program offering will be one of song and sentiment.

Requirements for entering the contest will be announced during the opening of program on July 1. The contest will close on August 7. Entry blanks will be mailed to 9,000,000 families and additional blanks can be obtained free of charge from any of the 550 Ward stores.

The radio program research will be conducted over the following nationwide network of 35 stations of the National Broadcasting Company.

Pine Bluff Man Heads Typographical Confab

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—W. Scott Busick, Pine Bluff, was elected president of the Arkansas Typographical conference at the annual convention here Sunday. Pine Bluff was chosen as the 1932 convention city.

Other officers are W. L. Funston, Little Rock, vice president, and Sam A. Thomas, secretary-treasurer.

In Hanging Hoax



B. F. Brown, above, supply pastor and hotel employee, has confessed that he tricked himself up and "hanged" himself in a Dallas, Tex., church. Brown previously said that four masked men hanged him to a church chandelier, but that the rope was new and stretched, enabling him to reach a chair with his feet.

Bandits Terrorize Local Negro Man

Take His Money, Watch and Car, Leaving Him Tied to Tree Near City

Buddy Finn, negro janitor at the city hall and an employee of the city for several years was robbed of \$140 in money, his watch, and a 1926 model Dodge touring car late Sunday afternoon.

Finn had been to Washington, where he had gone to take some of his friends. A fire blew out just north of the city limits as he was returning. He repaired the tire and as he was placing his tools back in the car two white men came out of the woods, each armed with a pistol, demanded his money and watch. According to Finn they started to take his keys but he explained to them that they were valuable only to him and one of the men gave them back.

They then put a gag in his mouth and tied him to a tree, telling him that some one would be sent to release him. After this they got in his car turned around and started north on highway number 4.

Finn, after working for some time was able to free himself from the tree. He hurried into town and notified police who sent an alarm to other towns.

The car was located Monday morning near Washington, but no trace of the men could be found.

Forrest City Man Is Suicide Victim

Wounds Woman, Perhaps Fatally Before Taking Own Life

FORREST CITY, Ark.—(AP)—After shooting Mrs. Nellie Moody, 23, and wounding her probably fatally, Harry Gardner, 38-year-old barbecue stand operator, shot and killed himself Tuesday.

The cause of the quarrel preceding the shooting was not revealed officers said.

Shoots Brother, Is Freed Under Bond

Argument Over Farm Chores Is Said to Have Caused Trouble

BLYTEVILLE.—Henry Hatcher, 23-year-old Hatcher farmer, was released under bond Monday in connection with the shooting of his brother, Jesse Hatcher, 28, at the family home Sunday night.

Jesse Hatcher, who is in a serious condition in the Baptist hospital at Memphis as the result of shotgun wounds in the abdomen, is alleged to have pursued Henry with a knife after an argument over farm chores. Henry Hatcher said he fired in self-defense. He declared his brother was subject to insane spells and that he had formerly been a patient in the state hospital at Jackson, Miss.

Young Hatcher was charged with assault with intent to kill.

Stanford Witness in Trial of Bridge Dynamite Suspect

Hope Highway Engineer Testifies Regarding Destruction of Span

STATE RESTS CASE
Bell and Brown Seen in Lewisville Night Before Explosion

TEXARKANA.—(AP)—The state rested Tuesday noon in the trial of Carl Bell, charged with the dynamiting of the Garland City state toll bridge.

Two witnesses testified they saw Bell and Charley Brown, now under a five-year sentence in connection with the blasting, in Lewisville only a few hours before the bridge was wrecked.

The testimony of R. B. Stanford, district state highway engineer at Hope, and other bridge experts, regarding technicalities of the bridge structure and its dynamiting, concluded the state's main case.

Stanford said the only way the bridge could have been dislodged was by placing an explosive in the "shoes" on which the span rested.

Wash Dixon and H. L. Jones testified they saw Bell and Brown in Lewisville between 6 and 7 o'clock the night of last September 2, which was only a few hours before the bridge was blown up, about 3 o'clock the morning of September 3.

Brown, under sentence for the dynamiting, had previously testified he met Bell at Lewisville.

Injuries to Lumber Man Investigated

Explosion Wrecks Building in Which Victim Was Stopping

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(AP)—Belief that a "fire bug" was responsible for the blast that wrecked a dwelling here Saturday night and sent D. H. Dodson, Little Rock (Ark.) lumberman, to a hospital with severe burns was expressed Monday by Frank Buckalew and Charles Nunnery, state fire marshals.

The owner of the dwelling, Mrs. M. W. Hall, was in Searcy, Ark., on a visit. Dodson said Mrs. Hall had asked him to look after the house during her absence.

Nunnery said a pile of paper, excelsior and kindling saturated with gasoline was found under a basement steps.

"Dodson told us he was the victim of a plot to burn the Hall home," Nunnery said. Because of his condition Dodson could not talk at length and was unable to give a definite motive. Nunnery said that might have prompted the perpetrating of the attempt to destroy the dwelling.

Hospital reports indicated that Dodson's condition was critical.

First Cotton Bloom For 1931 Reported

J. S. Conway, Jr., of Near Ozan, Here Tuesday With Blossoms

The first cotton blossom to be reported for the 1931 season were being shown in Hope Tuesday by J. S. Conway, Jr., of near Ozan. Mr. Conway is among the many prosperous farmers in that section.

He reports a fine crop on his entire farm, which is located a short distance east of Ozan, a part of his land being in Ozan creek bottom, said to be the richest land in Hemstead county.

Prince Still Bachelor on 37th Anniversary

LONDON.—(AP)—The Prince of Wales will be 37 years old Tuesday—and still a bachelor.

Britain seems to have accepted the situation as his final decision, for there isn't even the usual crop of rumors buzzing about his blond head.

For one thing, much of the affection which set old ladies to gossiping over their tea-cups and maidens a-sighing has been transferred from the prince to little Princess Elizabeth.

For another, Wales has changed in this last year from something of a playboy prince whose main job was to inherit the British throne to a business prince who means to help restore Britain's lost trade.

Year Moratorium Proposed on War Dept Stirs Paris

Bulletins

LONDON.—(AP)—British Admiralty announced Tuesday that ten persons had been killed and nineteen injured in an explosion at the royal navy Cordite factory at Walton Heath.

WASHINGTON.—The Interstate Commerce Commission Tuesday authorized railroads operating into New Orleans to revise their freight rates on cotton to motor truck competition.

MEMPHIS.—(AP)—Wiley Simmons, 29 of Clarendon, Ark., died in a hospital here Tuesday, the result of injuries received in an automobile accident near Wheatley last Friday.

State Department Says France Was First U. S. Asked

Both England and America Stand to Lose More Than France

NEW PLAN MAKING

French Counter-Proposal Wednesday—Action Wanted July 1

PARIS, France.—(AP)—Information in diplomatic circles Tuesday indicated that France is working on a definitely counter project to President Hoover's war debt suspension proposal, which will be submitted at a cabinet meeting Wednesday.

France notified President Hoover of the debt moratorium is expected to be submitted Tuesday, by high authorities of the Department of State, as the first national notification.

President Hoover decided to launch a proposal for a one-year moratorium on war debts.

The president Tuesday called other matters and devoted his attention to the proposal.

Hoover is making a systematic attempt to communicate with all members of congress to obtain their reaction.

Want Action by July 1

WASHINGTON.—President Hoover is confident that France will accept the proposal to suspend war debt payments for one year, if not at once, then in the near future—and that the moratorium will become effective by July 1.

France's objection to the proposal, it is surmised here, is with regard to postponement of the unconditional portion of German reparations. The information here is that she raises no objection to foregoing for a year payment of the conditional portion; the amount of which equals the sum she would be paying the United States and Great Britain during that period.

Inquiry at the White House and State Department elicited the information that the president in his proposal of Saturday contemplated no distinction between the conditional and unconditional portions of German reparations. What he proposed was postponement of the payments in both categories which would produce a complete holiday for one year in payment on all inter-governmental obligations.

Present Situation Foreseen

The division of German reparations into conditional and unconditional portions was made by the Young plan and was the result of the insistence of the European nations, despite the contrary attitude of the United States, that German reparations and Allied war debts are inextricably intertwined.

Foreseeing just possible contingency as the president's proposal has created, France, supported by Britain, insisted that Germany be required to pay approximately one-third of the reparations as an unqualified obligation. Payment of the remaining two-thirds was to be contingent upon war debt payments to the United States.

So well was this understood that Germany procured an agreement in a separate memo, that out of any reduction which the United States may later make in the war debts owed by the Allied countries, two-thirds of the benefits shall be passed on to Germany until 1936 and thereafter all the benefit.

War Debt Payments

Of the \$427,000,000 reparations Germany is scheduled to pay during the year, beginning on July 1, about \$165,000,000 are in the unconditional class. France is due to receive \$201,000,000 and is due to pay to the United States and Great Britain \$104,000,000. Thus, if payment of all reparations were postponed France would net \$165,000,000 of about \$37,000,000 net. If, however, the suspension were not to apply to the unconditional portion of German reparations, the Reich would be compelled to pay \$165,000,000, of which France would receive about \$100,000,000 despite suspension of other payments.

In any event, the sacrifice France would make under complete suspension of all payments for a year would be only a fraction of that of the United States which will amount to \$246,000,000.

Fumes Overcome Rumble Seat Rider

Cabot Child Rendered Unconscious by Monoxide Gas

CABOT.—Doyle, six, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alford Howell of Oak Grove, was overcome by monoxide gas in the rumble seat of a car early Sunday while the family was enroute to spend Sunday with Mrs. Howell's parents at Jacksonville. The boy occupied the improvised seat with two larger children. He became sleepy, fell to the floor of the car and could not be aroused. The children were shading themselves with an umbrella, which helped to confine the fumes. When the boy's plight was discovered he was pale and cold, covered with a clammy sweat and had no perceptible heart action. He was rushed to a doctor's office in Cabot and given emergency treatment. He revived and was taken home with a good chance to recover.

Surgeon Without Theory of Death

Dr. Carr to Appear Before Grand Jury in Starr Faithful Probe

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Dr. G. Jameson Carr, Cunard line surgeon, returned to New York Tuesday with three letters. Starr Faithful wrote to him a short time before she died, but without a theory, he said, as to whether she was killed or committed suicide.

He is scheduled to take the notes before the Nassau county grand jury and as a voluntary witness tell all he knows of the girl whose body was washed up onto the sands of Long Beach two weeks ago.

The slight, gray haired surgeon seemed perplexed by the hint he heard the key to a great mystery, as he parried the questions of reporters who met the ship at quarantine.

"I have nothing to say," was his stock reply to the first several dozen questions, but later, when asked what he thought had happened to the red-haired Greenwich Village girl, he said: "I have no theory as to how she came to her death and obviously I have no knowledge as to what happened to her."

Coffelt to Serve as Representative

Withdraws Resignation and Will Continue to Serve Faulkner Co.

CONWAY.—(AP)—Kenneth C. Coffelt has withdrawn his resignation as representative from Faulkner county, after Governor Parnell said he would not make appointments to fill vacancies in the general assembly.

Coffelt, who is the youngest member of the legislature, resigned because he said he was removing to Brinkley to enter law practice.

He said he would continue to serve as representative so that in event of a special legislative session, Faulkner county would not be put to the expense of a special election.

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The Star's Platform

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A Long Walk Back

SENATOR BORAH'S view of the one-year suspension of war debt payments proposed by President Hoover last week-end, strikes us more favorably than the view Senator McKellar took of it.

The Idaho chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee went beyond the president's proposal to say:

"It has been clear to me from the beginning that Germany could not pay reparations assessed against her. They will have to be readjusted. If a moratorium is granted, it will give time to see the situation as it is, and time to adjust matters."

But the Tennessee senator says:

"How are we—the United States—to be benefitted by this gift to other peoples? If we give up \$246,000,000 which the world concedes to be justly due us, we must make it good by putting additional tax burdens upon our own people."

Senator McKellar thinks like the people of France. They are objecting. Senator McKellar believes a quarter-billion-dollar will break a nation which receives news of a billion-dollar deficit without batting an eye. The French, with their coming in to them from Germany than they pay out to England and the United States, have maintained prosperity alone among all the world powers—and apparently they are resolved to cut the last pound of flesh even though it kills Germany and prolongs the stagnation of world trade.

The causes behind President Hoover's call for a moratorium were clearly shown in the recent speech in Hope by Prof. Pierce Cline of Centenary college, and which was reported in *The Star*. Professor Cline pointed out that the United States has 42 per cent of the world's gold, that there is less than 10 billions' coined gold in the world, that the other nations owe us \$7 billions from the World War, and if they were to pay us five per cent interest the next five years we would have all of the gold—and there would be no foreign trade.

Other factors enter into the situation. The American high tariff is as unforgivable a sin against foreign trade as our corner on gold. But both errors must be corrected.

The point that Senator McKellar overlooks in stating the same objection that France has voiced, is that while France's prosperity is based on a self-sufficient home industry and trade, in a land almost barren of mineral and industrial resources, the prosperity of the United States, of England, and most of the civilized world, is absolutely dependant upon the exchange of raw materials, finished products, and an interchanging gold supply to bolster up the banking credits that go along with industrial transactions.

All that France says against the proposed moratorium may be taken sight unseen as a cogent reason for the rest of the civilized world compelling her to come to terms.

Newspaper observers abroad say that the trouble is that France doesn't care. The trouble may also be that France doesn't know. The provincialism of this modern republic still living in war days thirteen years ago and imagining that the rest of the world hates Germany as it did then, and is willing to grind her into anarchy even at the world's own cost, is pitiful.

France, it is true, was very close to the war. But for that very reason she has thanks to give to England and the United States that she wasn't totally obliterated.

We are just discovering—thirteen years after the World War party—that it's a long walk back. We are all paying for it. But if a quarter-billion dollar concession by the United States will start up the wheels of industry again, restore employment in the cities and bring better prices to the country, we suspect the United States will vote with Senator Borah.

Beck and the Wealthy City

CONGRESSMAN JAMES M. BECK of Pennsylvania is one of the foremost lawyers and orators of America. His latest is that the larger states pay more than one-half of all the income taxes and the benefit they draw from federal appropriations is but a scant part of their contributions to the treasury.

He cites six states which draw from the treasury in subsidies two dollars for every one dollar that they pay into the treasury; two states draw more than three dollars for every dollar they contribute, while New York, which contributes nearly a third of the public revenue, derives less than one cent to every dollar it contributes. These are the figures for New York and Pennsylvania and Illinois: New York paid \$923,000,000 in a single year and drew out \$3,727,000, or less than one per cent; Pennsylvania paid in \$230,000,000 and drew out \$7,000,000, or about three per cent; Illinois paid in \$147,000,000 and drew out \$4,300,000, or a little less than two per cent.

Yes, they are backward states but they are not backward when it comes to what is known as treasury raiding. New York and Pennsylvania and Illinois are huge manufacturing as well as rich agricultural states. Perhaps Texas will take the hint some day.—*Texarkana Press.*

Maybe He Auto Sell His Auto First!



Washington Letter

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON — Speaking for jobs, there are nearly 17,000 government positions here held by men and women who are theoretically not entitled to them.

They have all been available at one time or another to people out in the states who wouldn't come and take them.

The law provides that as far as possible appointments in the departmental service in Washington shall be apportioned among the states on the basis of population. The Civil Service Commission has been making almost frantic efforts to enforce that provision, but one still ends that:

Forty-four states and territories which are entitled to about 36,000 of the apportioned appointments here have received only about 19,000.

Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, entitled to 1389 appointments, have 17,739. That is, local residents and suburbanites have been getting an enormously disproportionate share of the jobs.

Residents of the District of Columbia, entitled to 149 appointments, have 12,615.

Maine, New Hampshire, Delaware, Iowa and Vermont are the other states in excess of their quotas, but in each case the excess is very small. Typical examples of disproportion are California, with only 383 of its quota of 1737 appointments; Ohio, with 1003 of its 2033; New York, with 2038 of its 3851; and Michigan, with 475 of its 1481. Some states, such as Massachusetts, with 1225 appointments of its quota of 1300, are close to correct apportionment.

The big reason for the condition which results in almost half the apportionable jobs being held by people from right around here is that the boys and girls in the states who are qualified for the posts simply haven't been taking the examinations for them.

In view of the extreme meas-

ures which are taken to ballyhoo the examinations and information about the jobs and to give citizens of states under quota up to a 25 per cent advantage over those of states in excess, the Civil Service Commission can't figure out why that has remained true even during a considerable period of unemployment.

Civil service positions of one description or another are constantly available and announcements about them are posted in federal buildings of 5000 cities in case you are anxious to find out about them.

The commission, constantly trying to straighten things out, refuses to certify as eligible for federal employment any resident of a state in excess of its apportionment if it can certify a man or woman from one of the other states. They certify the latter on examination ratings as low as 75, even when there's a member of the former group with a rating as high as 100.

Examinations are held in 700 cities. Announcements of them are not only posted in federal buildings and post offices, but are sent to newspapers, broadcast over 60 radio stations and distributed to public employment officials, interested labor unions and trade journals.

Often examinations are held which are closed completely to the states in excess of quota and lately it has been the policy to give even the temporary jobs to people from faraway states.

Folks here and from nearby have always applied for federal jobs in Washington in much greater numbers than others, but the big breakdown in apportionment came during the World War, at the outset of which the District of Columbia had only 1300 appointments and Maryland and Virginia about twice their quotas. Eligibles from the rest of the country were lacking and appointments were made almost to the first-comers.

Since the World War the veteran-preference law has tended to increase the disparity.

News Of

Other Days

From the Columns of
The Star of Hope

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Misses Allie May and Othelia Agee, of Camden, are visiting the family of their uncle, W. P. Agee, in this city.

Elder Ratcliffe, of Falcon, who was pastor of the Christian church here for about three years, will visit his former charge next Sunday.

TEN YEARS AGO

Mrs. Garrett Story and children spent the week-end visiting in Texarkana.

Miss Addis Henry of Stamps, was the week-end guest of Miss Frances Risher.

Miss Justine Moore will leave tomorrow to spend several weeks at a summer camp in Texarkana.

Miss Lula Kate Warren is visiting relatives and friends at McCaskill.



There's lots of poetry in business, says Charles Schwab. You might say now that business is going from bad to worse.

One debt most folks are not anxious to collect is from people who say, "We owe you a visit."

You can't learn astronomy, says the office sage, by studying heavenly bodies from an orchestra seat at a musical comedy.

Scores of artists wept, it is reported, when a collection of paintings burned in Munich. Had this happened a few months later it might have inspired another painting "September Morn."

The Soviets are said to have purchased the latest stone crusher, but they won't admit they're putting business on the rocks.

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



Liane Barrett was 18, beautiful and fresh from sheltered convent school days. Suddenly she found herself plunged into a whirling vortex of love hatred, jealousies and underworld intrigue.

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Which should she choose?

Liane's heart problems, her thrilling adventures and the decision which shaped her destiny are all told in "Heart of Liane," Mabel McElliott's new serial. You can't afford to miss a single chapter. "Heart of Liane" begins tomorrow in the

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Keeps Secret



Because Cass Barrett, above, New York actress, refused to tell details of the early life of pretty 18-year-old Liane Barrett, complications develop in the new serial, "Heart of Liane," beginning Wednesday in The Star.

spent the past few weeks visiting with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. K. G. McRae, Sr., has joined her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Stuart at Camp Edgewood, Caddo Gap, for the remainder of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Webb have returned from a short wedding trip to Hot Springs and Little Rock.

Miss G. E. Walters of Atlantic City is the house guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tedder.

Personal Mention

Rev. T. L. Epton of Nashville will preach at Evening Shade church 7 miles south of Hope on the Lewisville highway Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour, according to an announcement from one of the citizens of that community. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

Louis Bagwell, well known Prescott barber, has accepted a position with the local barber shop operated by W. H. Boyett in the Citizens National Bank building.

Mrs. T. W. Landes of Patmos, Rt. 1, is in the Josephine hospital where she underwent an operation Monday night in an emergency case. Her condition is somewhat improved Tuesday, although she is seriously ill.

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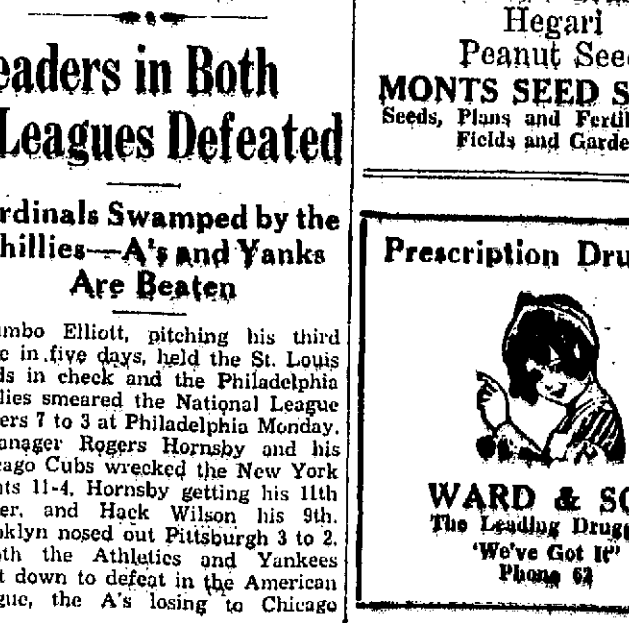
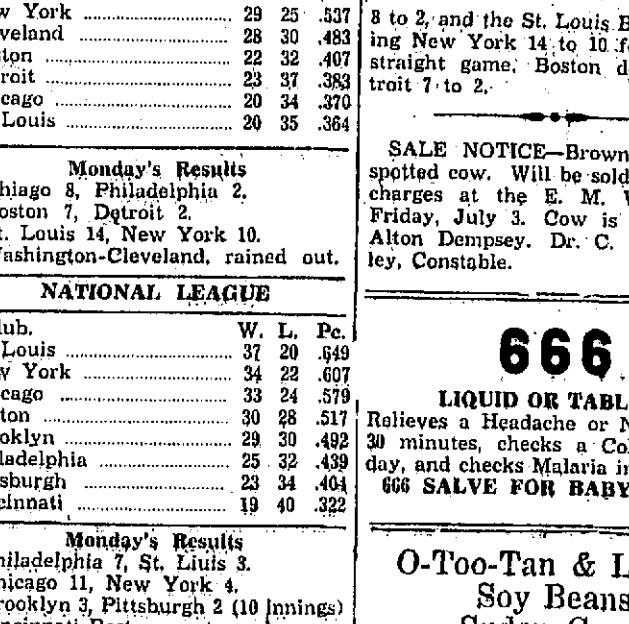
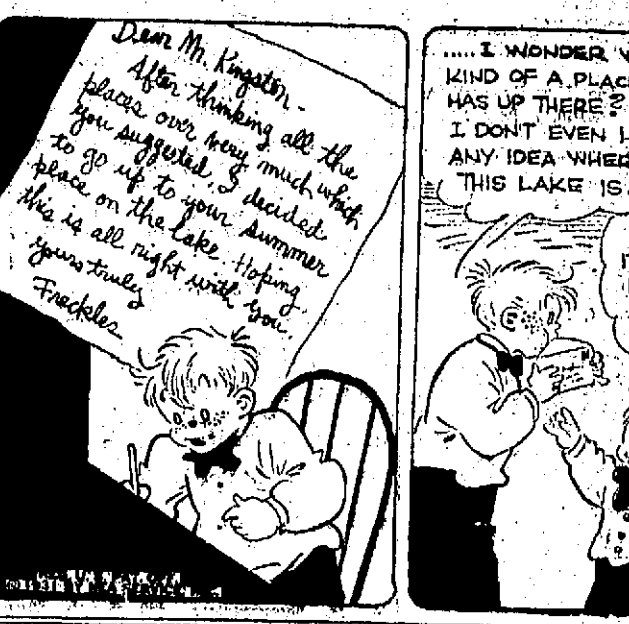
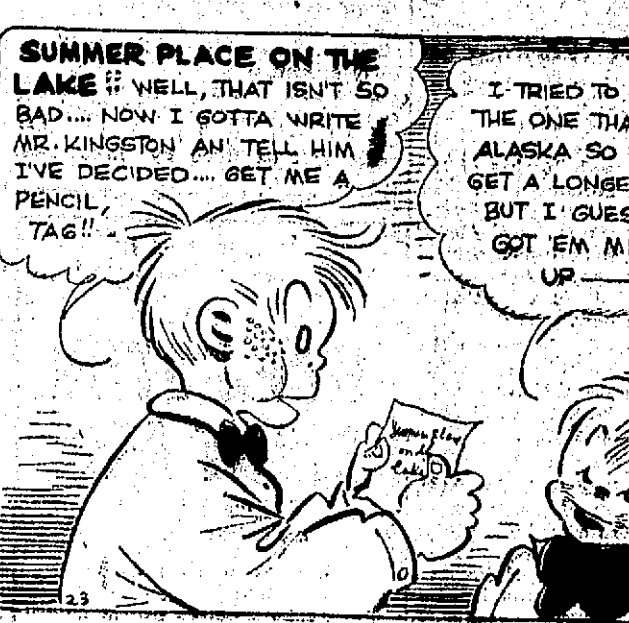
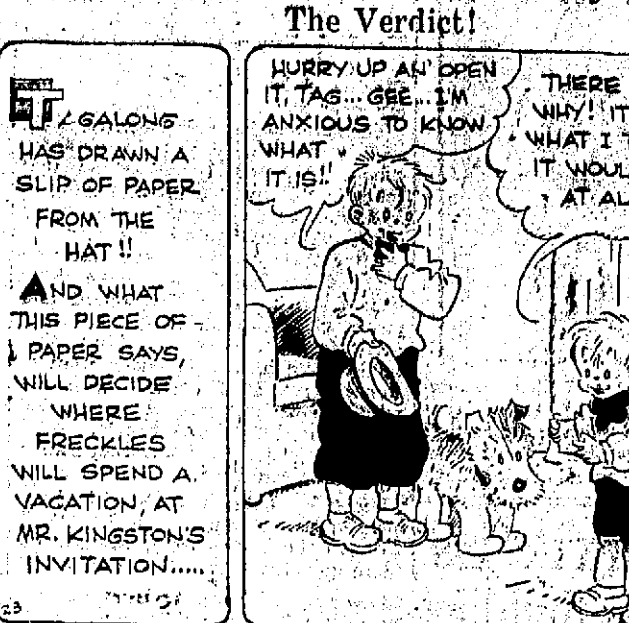
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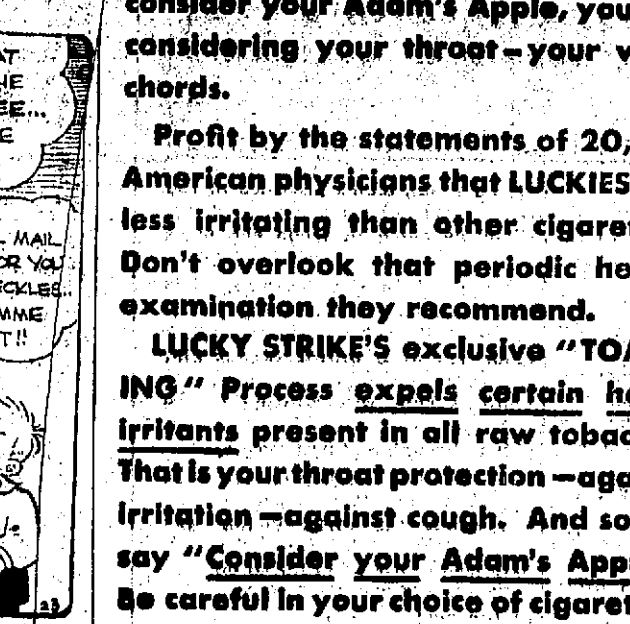
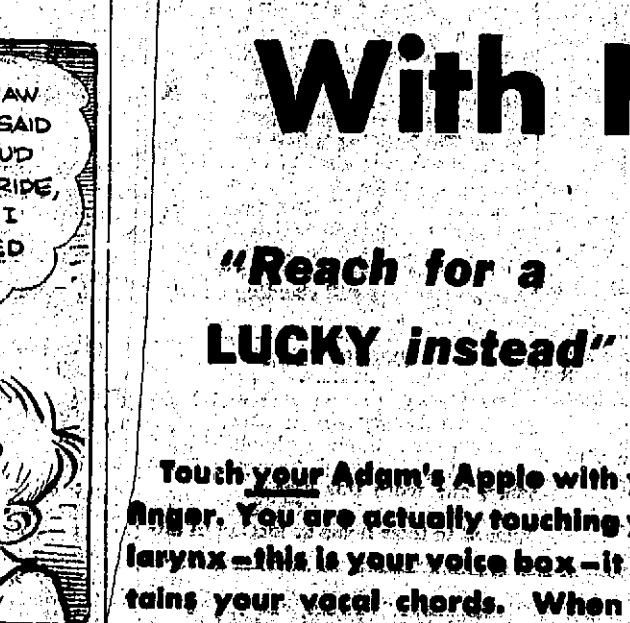
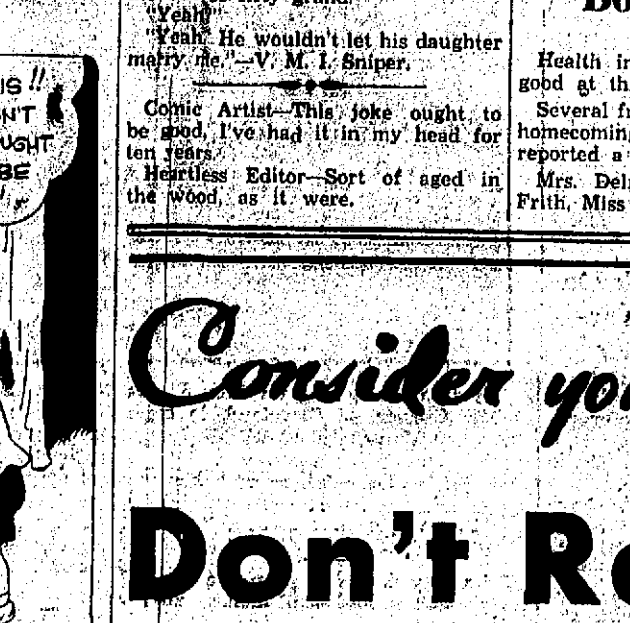
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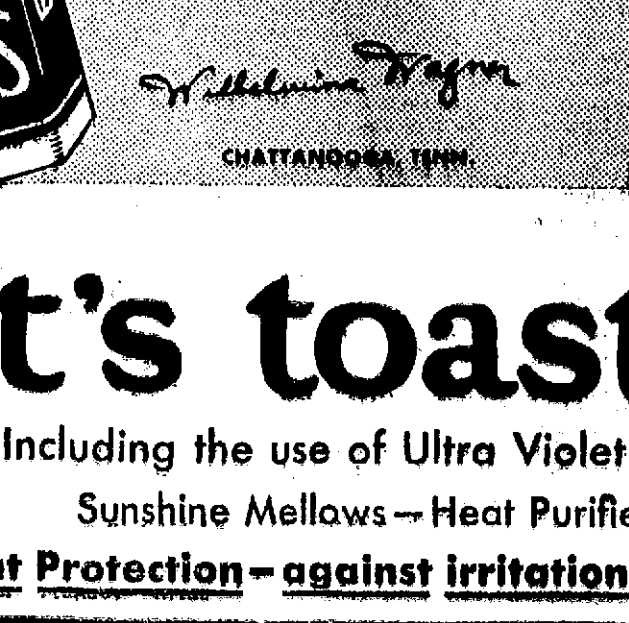
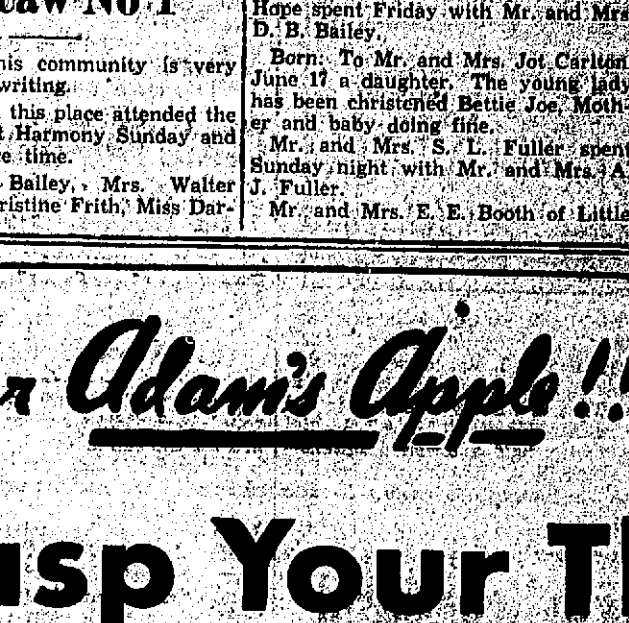
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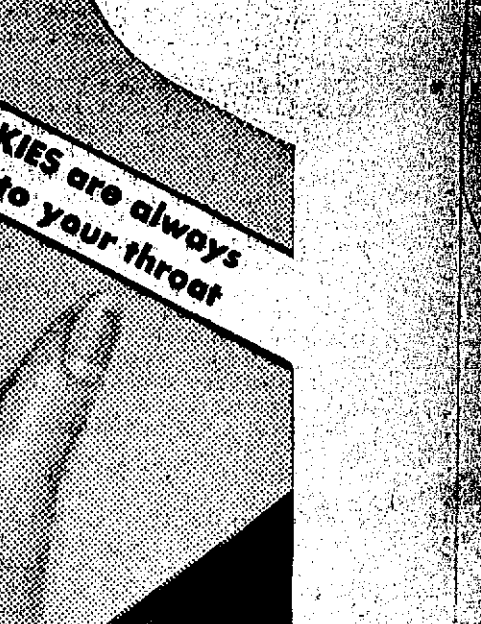
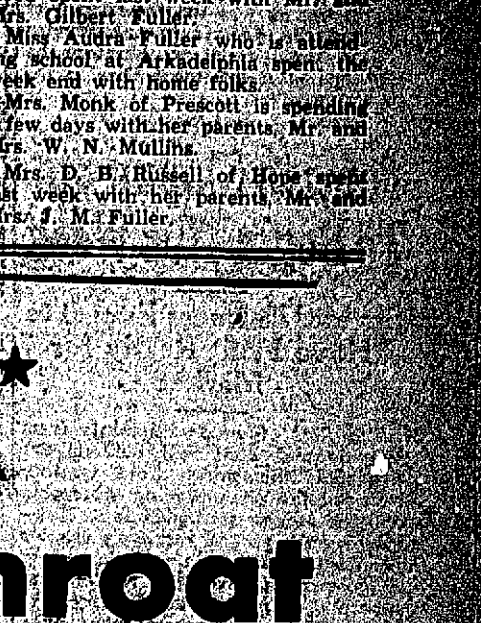
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Chattanooga	38	30	.559
Atlanta	35	32	.522
Memphis	34	34	.500
Little Rock	32	35	.477
New Orleans	32	36	.471
Mobile	29	38	.433
Nashville	25	42	.373

Monday's Results

Chattanooga 8, Little Rock 3.
Memphis 8, Nashville 1.
Birmingham 9, Mobile 5.
Atlanta-New Orleans, postponed.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Club	W.	L.	Pc.
Philadelphia	43	14	.754
Washington	41	19	.683

New York	29	25	.537
Cleveland	28	30	.483
Boston	22	32	.407
Detroit	23	37	.383
Chicago	20	34	.370
St. Louis	20	35	.364

Monday's Results
Chicago 8, Philadelphia 2.
Boston 7, Detroit 2.
St. Louis 14, New York 10.
Washington-Cleveland, rained out.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Club	W.	L.	Pc.
St. Louis	37	20	.649
New York	32	22	.591
Chicago	33	24	.579
Boston	30	28	.517
Brooklyn	29	30	.492
Philadelphia	25	32	.439
Pittsburgh	23	34	.404
Cincinnati	19	40	.322

Monday's Results
Philadelphia 7, St. Louis 3.
Chicago 11, New York 4.
Brooklyn 3, Pittsburgh 2 (10 innings)
Cincinnati-Boston, postponed.

Leaders in Both Leagues Defeated

Cardinals Swamped by the Phillies—A's and Yanks Are Beaten

Jumbo Elliott, pitching his third game in five days, held the St. Louis Cardinals in check and the Philadelphia Phillies smeared the National League leaders 7 to 3 at Philadelphia Monday. Manager Rogers Hornsby and his Chicago Cubs wrecked the New York Giants 11-4. Hornsby getting his 11th homer, and Hack Wilson his 9th. Brooklyn nosed out Pittsburgh 3 to 2. Both the Athletics and Yankees went down to defeat in the American League, the A's losing to Chicago

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M'Caskill--BLEVINS NEWS--Tokio

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Nashville Tomato Shipping Begins

M. L. Stephens, M. L. Nelson and Foy Tate Visit There Monday

Mr. Stephens, M. L. Nelson and Foy Tate were in Nashville Monday for the purpose of the beginning of the tomato harvest from that section as Mr. Stephens is shipping from there.

It is said that a large acreage is planted in tomatoes in southern Howard county this year, and that the crop is of fine quality. The growers in that section did not have the trouble with the cut worms early in the season as was the experience of growers in the Blevins and McCaskill territory, therefore the crop is maturing some earlier in the Nashville district.

Tomato Shipments To Begin This Week

Several Farmers Expect to Have Fruit Ready for Market

The first tomato shipments from Blevins and McCaskill sections are expected this week. Cold weather retarded the plants during the spring and the crop is somewhat late. However, for the past two weeks there has been unusual growth and the worry of growers is now price rather than quantity or quality of the crop.

M. L. Nelson had several men working last week making boxes and arranging shed in preparation for the harvest.

League Delegate Leaves for Conway

Mrs. P. C. Stephens, Jr., Will Represent Local League at Assembly

Mrs. P. C. Stephens, Jr., left Monday for Conway where she will spend five days attending the Epworth League Assembly of the Little Rock Conference. She goes as a delegate from the Blevins League and hopes to bring back a number of helpful pointers for the young people's work in the local church.

Admits Flirting



Muriel Ladd, popular debutante who started Long Island society when rumors she had eloped with Chuck Desmond, newspaper reporter, gained circulation, is a lively character in the new serial, "Heart of Liane." Muriel flirted with half a dozen admirers and admitted it. Watch for "Heart of Liane" beginning Wednesday in The Star.

North Hempstead Corn Very Good

All Growers Elated Over Prospects for Good Yield This Fall

According to citizens living in the north part of Hempstead county the outlook for a bumper corn crop has never been brighter. Men who have lived in this section for many years say that never in their history have they seen both hill and bottom crops that show a brighter prospect for a heavy yield.

A large acreage of corn, especially in the bottom fields, have been given the final plowing and with just another rain or so there will not be any reason for a poor yield of corn in this section.

Junior Baseball Team Is Organized

Will Play First Game With Hope Team Next Thursday

For several afternoons the boys from 12 to 16 years of age have been practicing baseball in Herbert Stephens' pasture. They expect to play their first game at Hope Thursday with a group that is working out for the American Legion Junior nine of that place.

Among those who are likely candidates for the team are: Horace Harper, Cohen Freyberger, Jack Yokum, Aubrey Stewart, Billie Brown, Watson Bonds, Cecil Moore and a number of others.

The game will be called at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Crate Building at Blevins Begins

Preparation for the Cantaloupe and Tomato Harvest Now Underway

Several workmen are now busily engaged in building crates in preparation for the cantaloupe harvest, which is expected to begin about the middle of July in the Blevins section.

A crop equal to, if not slightly above the average of the past few years is predicted in this section. Reports from all parts of North Hempstead county where cantaloupes and other truck crops are grown are also encouraging.

Practically every grower in the entire section have their cantaloupes ground in a fine state of cultivation and a rapid growth of the crop is being shown.

BLEVINS LOCALS

H. M. Stephens, Jr., returned home Wednesday from a business trip to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney Copeland of Hope were Blevins visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Townsend of Arkansas have taken rooms in the Phillips Hotel while he is at work on the construction of the high school building.

Rev. W. J. Whiteside was a visitor in Hope Monday morning.

DeWitt Stephens was in Hope Monday afternoon on business.

Congressman's Daughter Elopes



It didn't take long for Miss Justine Crosser, daughter of Congressman Robert Crosser, of Cleveland, to begin her career after graduating from American University, at Washington, D. C. She eloped with a student of George Washington University, and it is Charles A. Sweeney, housewife, that she is pictured here with her husband after their marriage in Alex-

MCASKILL LOCALE

John Spragins of Hope was a business visitor in McCaskill Monday afternoon.

Miss Theima Lee Hamilton underwent a successful operation for the removal of her tonsils last week.

Work on the school building is progressing as rapidly as possible, according to one of the McCaskill citizens. The building is being remodeled with two more rooms being added to the old structure.

A heavy rain fell over a small territory south of McCaskill Sunday afternoon. This rain was the heaviest of the season and last Monday afternoon water was still standing on some of the fields.

TOKIO NEWS

Most crops are growing and looking good since the good rains.

The Bert Johnson orchards shipped a car of apples last Saturday and will ship one more this season.

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Jim Garner of Nashville was a business visitor in this part of the county last week.

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Mr. Cooley of Highland was a business visitor to Tokio Friday.

The big mail planes passed over Tokio Wednesday. So watch Tokio, it may be a big airport with Uncle Sam's mail coming in on the air sometime. We already have two railroads as wide as anybody's but not so long.

Brick Work Begins on New Building

Masons Start Working on Walls Latter Part of Last Week

The foundation and flooring of the new high school building at Blevins was completed last week and Thursday the masons began laying the brick for the walls. By Saturday several feet of wall was completed around the building and it is expected to rise rapidly from now.

Brick work has also begun on the addition to the McCaskill school while plasterers are rapidly making the interior of the old building at Blevins like on a new appearance.

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Ruthal Brown Will Undergo Operation

Left Monday for the Cora Dannel Hospital at Prescott

Miss Ruthal Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown, left Monday for the Cora Dannel hospital at Prescott.

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Pinch of Black-Draught After Meals Recommended By Experienced Nurse.

A professional nurse at Hartwell, Ga. Mrs. Markie Myers, has the following to say about Thedford's Black-Draught:

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Mrs. J. B. Bean, of Kirbyville, Texas, says: "I have used Black-Draught in my home for thirty years. It is a splendid remedy for constipation. I have never found anything that I thought was any better."

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Golden F. Moore Writes Letter of Explanation

Declares Position in Writing Letter to Governor Parrell and Signing Petition in W. R. Atkins Case Misunderstood--Urges Co-operation of School Board and Patrons

Golden F. Moore, principal elect of the Junior High School at McCaskill who received quite a bit of criticism for signing a petition and writing a letter for clemency for W. R. Atkins, declares his position has been misunderstood. In a letter to the school board at Blevins he expressed a desire to explain his attitude and made the following statements:

1412 Mitchell street
Conway, Arkansas
June 2, 1931.

Mr. J. J. Bruce, chairman of school board
Blevins, Arkansas

My dear sir:

The summer is passing swiftly away, and before long it will be time for school to open. I understand that there is still quite a bit of feeling at McCaskill concerning things that were given wide publicity last spring.

After these weeks of consideration I feel I would like to make these statements to the school board and people of McCaskill. First, I am very sorry to have done anything that might have hindered cooperation of the citizens at McCaskill with the school. For three years I was treated mightily well by those people, and I am very grateful for the cooperation they have given me.

Secondly, I think it possible they have misunderstood me and I, in turn, have not upholding dishonesty. My friends there and elsewhere are honestly law

abiding men. The statement quoting me as saying Atkins was my friend merely meant our personal relationship had not been unpleasant. Also the petition I signed and letter I wrote called for a different type of clemency to that extended. I did not approve the furlough as given and I feel that Mr. Wilson made unfair use of my name.

The newspaper report of an interview with me could easily have been misunderstood. I meant no slur upon anyone. Fact is, I meant to make no public statement and only answered questions the reporter asked. I do not claim he was unfair, but it is mighty easy for news articles to be misunderstood, and I am sorry if anyone feels I meant a personal slur.

Assuring you of best feeling toward the board and citizens of McCaskill, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Golden F. Moore

Mr. Moore for the past three years has been Superintendent of the McCaskill School, in which position he has given complete satisfaction, and these statements were gratifying to many of his friends there who had not understood his position. He is now a student in the State Teachers College at Conway where he will receive his L. T. degree in August. In September he will return as principal of the Junior High School at McCaskill.

McCaskill Growers Loading Cucumbers

Car Expected to Be Completed and Shipped Out Tuesday

The first car load of cucumbers for the 1931 season is being loaded at McCaskill, Monday and Tuesday of this week. Growers and packers report that the crop is of good quality this season, and it is said that a number of cars is expected to be loaded at this place during the season. Cucumbers have been one among the main truck crops in the McCaskill territory for a number of years. Land in the outlying district is particularly adapted to the growth of this crop and a large production per acre is harvested annually.

Hamby Rhodes of McCaskill has charge of the packing and loading and Bert Scott also of McCaskill is in charge of the shipping.

BELTON NEWS

The services were fine here Sunday.

Little Harold Tompson who has been sick is now better.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Coffman and children of Smackover visited her brother, Elton Daniel and other relatives of this place. Mrs. Coffman will be remembered by her many friends here as Miss Luell Daniel. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Eley of McCaskill were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sidons.

Mr. and Mrs. Crith Eley spent the day Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Mary Roberts.

Miss Grace Davis of Nashville spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Bell Davis who has been sick.

W. D. Eley and Roy Pickett left Thursday for Missouri where they expect to make the wheat harvest.

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CHAPTER XLVIII
THE doctor will not do it today," Beryl added when she had told Gaylord that she was giving the aid her sister needed.

"I should think not!" he exclaimed warmly. "You look like a patient yourself!"

"I only need a little rest," Beryl insisted. "My heart's all right. They tested it."

"But it's senseless, Beryl," Gaylord protested. "You're not up to it. Any fool would know that. I can't imagine what--"

"I'm all right," Beryl insisted doggedly. "Just a little tired. It's only the heart that matters. The doctor knows."

"I won't have it," Gaylord declared heatedly. "You know I can pay--"

"No," Beryl said with a shake of her head. "It isn't what you can pay, Gaylord. Irene feels better now. She was disappointed because Mother could not come. Mother is ill, you know, and the thought of a stranger--someone she did not know--frightened her. This is much better."

"I suppose you'd say that if you were giving up an arm," Gaylord grumbled. "Now I know what's been puzzling me. You're a fanatic, that's what you are! And Irene isn't worth it!"

"Please!" Beryl said simply and Gaylord desisted.

"At the hotel he asked if he might have dinner there with her. She refused with a gentle dignity that reminded him she was her sister's estranged husband. 'She probably thinks I beat the little brat,' he thought angrily, but he could not defend himself against an unspoken charge so he said good night rather abruptly and departed."

Later he telephoned when Beryl was having the food the doctor had advised brought to her room to ask if she were comfortable and if he might take her to the hospital."

Beryl, thinking Irene might not wish her to antagonize him, consented. The next morning he came for her, bringing such a large bunch of flowers that Beryl was reminded of the floral offering her 'gang' had sent for her radio debut. She hadn't had much time for her boys lately. The gang was breaking up."

She took the flowers with her. Soon Gaylord wished he hadn't brought them, for instead of being a gay note they had added a funeral touch to the day.

"That night Beryl remained at the hospital and the next day they took her with Irene to what the latter called 'that awful room.'"

AFTER they brought her back, not to the room they'd given her first, but to one she was to share with Irene. Neither knew it for several hours after they were put to bed there, and Beryl did not mind when she did, but Irene complained.

"We could not help it, Mrs. Prentiss," the nurse patiently explained. "We are overcrowded. Five patients came in this morning." She looked at Beryl and Irene had the grace to cease finding fault.

Irene, looking about at the beautiful furnishings, was thinking that Gaylord was mean not to have engaged it for her in the first place.

Her resentment against Gaylord grew when flowers arrived and the largest and loveliest bouquet was for Beryl. There was an exquisite basket of fruit for Beryl too, as well as several books, while for her there was only a stack of magazines which she felt sure Gaylord had grabbed at random. Among them were a number of duplicates which Irene threw angrily across the room.

Then she relapsed into sullen silence, harboring a bitter jealousy of her sister. When Gaylord came to see them Irene would scarcely speak to him.

He paid little attention to her for Beryl's condition worried him. She was too still and white. His fruit was untouched, his books unopened.

Two days later he wired to Mr. Everett. Strange, he thought, looking at the portion of Irene's face that was not bandaged, and finding it merely petulant in expression as usual, that she did not know.

But at last there appeared a light of triumph in Irene's eyes. It was there an hour or two after Gaylord had sent his wire. Irene was exultant. She had sent a wire of her own. And she had roused Beryl to tell her about it. She would see if she had to be neglected by her own husband while her sister got every attention!

Beryl looked over at her with weary eyes as Irene exclaimed: "Listen to me. I can't stand this any longer--the way Gay is acting! I've sent for Tommy. I've got to have someone with me who cares something about me!"

Beryl's eyelids fluttered down like the white petals of a rose. A slight low faint for Irene to bear escaped her pale lips. Then she was still again.

"Oh well, of course, if you aren't interested!" Irene exclaimed pettishly and took up a magazine to show her disdain of Beryl's indifference.

Beryl heard no more until a shrill "Tommy!" apprized her.

She did not know that Beryl had been to the room with a bleeding heart to the things Irene said to the nurses about Tommy.

Irene seemed to forget she was talking to the like a young girl preparing for the coming of her lover. Or if she did not forget she no longer cared. Certainly, she told herself, everyone at the hospital must have seen that Gaylord was no husband to her. So she talked about Tommy. . . . Tommy. . . . Tommy.

She stopped only when the nurses asked her to be quiet, not doing their heads in Beryl's direction. Soon Irene would break out again. It was decided to move Beryl to other quarters as soon as there was a vacant room.

She was still with Irene when Tommy arrived. Mr. Everett had asked him to come, but he couldn't have done so for Tommy couldn't have stood after reading Gaylord's telegram.

Irene's wire reached its destination after Tommy was on his way to take a train for Oakdale. When word was sent up that he had arrived at the hospital she naturally assumed it was her wire that had brought him. She did not know that Gaylord had been so alarmed about Beryl's health that he had telegraphed to the family.

Gaylord did not want to tell Irene until Beryl was out of the room. He did not trust Irene's power of self-control. Perhaps she would have shrieked with gladness when Tommy arrived just the same if she had known. She was thinking at that moment only that Tommy was here--that he had come in answer to her appeal. Now Beryl and Gaylord and all the rest of the world would see that she had someone who loved her devotedly. There would be no more taking a back seat while everyone made such a fuss over her sister just because she'd given up a little skin.

It was the visiting hour. Tommy might come any moment. "Give me that pink jacket," Irene called to the pink nurse. "I suppose my hair's a mess," she fretted, putting up her hands to smooth the golden crop.

"Rec--" she shouldn't sleep all the time," Irene grumbled to Beryl, who lay with her thin hands clutching the counterpane. The other girl did not stir.

"Please be quiet," the nurse begged. "If you're not your visitor can't come in."

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(THE END)



WHICH MAN should she marry?

CLIVE was generous and dependable. Van was fascinating and irresponsible. Both had money. Which man should Liane Barrett choose for a husband? You'll find the answer in "Heart of Liane," the new serial by Mabel McElliott, which begins

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